

**Remarks**

Applicants submit this Amendment in order to correct the numbering of claims. Claim 8 has been canceled and re-numbered as claim 18, and claims 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10, which are dependent therefrom, have been canceled and re-numbered as claims 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, respectively.

For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the pending claims is attached hereto as Appendix A. Also attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and the claims by the current amendments. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added and that this Amendment is directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention. As such, Applicants request entry of this Amendment.

**Conclusion**

If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with the Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 have been canceled, and new claims 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 have been added as follows:

18. (New) A method for treating septic shock in a subject, wherein the septic shock is endotoxic shock induced by gram positive bacteria, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an agent which binds G protein, to thereby inhibit the interaction of said G protein and CD14, such that septic shock in the subject is treated.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the agent binds G $\alpha$  subunit.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the agent is a cell permeable agent.

21. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the agent is a peptide.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the peptide is mastoparan.

23. (New) The method of claim 18, further comprising administering an antibiotic to the subject.

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